pany the Prime Minister on his tour outside Delhi. On my request, the Festival was inaugurated by Shri Vasant Sathe, Minister of Energy.

Nations Caught in International Debt

1401. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the first twenty nations who are caught most deeply in the internaional debt trap, the extent of their debts, the annual interest thereon and the rate of annual inflation;

(b) whether the "Group of 24" finance ministers met recently in Washington;

(c) if so, what were the major issues and concerns high-lighted at the conference; and

(d) what was the strategy and recommendations adopted at the conference in the resolution of the debt crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The information regarding debt of the 17 countries classified as highly indebted by the World Bank has been recently published by the World Bank in the World Debt Tables (1986-87 Edition). According to these tables the 17 highly indebted countries are: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Jamaica, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria; Peru; Philippines, Uruguay, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

The debt outstanding against these countries in 1985 was US $ 304,276.1 million. The interest paid on debt outstanding by these countries in 1985 amounted to US $ 25,889.4 million. The information with regard to rate of annual inflation is not available.

(b) to (d) The Ministers of the "Group of 24" met in Washington on 8th April, 1987. In the statement issued after the Meeting, the Ministers inter alia, called for:

(i) An increase in the supply of ODA in compliance with the recommendations of the Task Force on Concessional Flows and substantial increase in the financial resources of the multilateral institutions together with a review of their lending policies in order to promote additional lending and growth.

(ii) Removal by the industrial countries of their protectionist barriers and recycling of their huge surpluses and terms of trade gains.

(iii) Creation of a representative Committee of Ministers from developing and industrial countries to examine the proposals for reform and improvement of the international monetary system.

(iv) Establishment of a Committee of Ministers to take up the examination of the debt problem, including specific solutions for low-income countries, particularly those in Sub-Saharan Africa.

व्यस्क फिल्मों का प्रभाव

1402. **श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :**
श्री कपिल वर्मा :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या सरकार ने इस बात को जानने के लिए कोई सर्वेक्षण किया है कि दूरदर्शन से देर रात को विदेशी वयस्क फिल्मों का प्रसारण करने से समाज पर क्या विपरीत प्रभाव पड़ने की संभावना है ; यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सर्वेक्षण कब किया गया था और रिपोर्ट का ब्यौरा क्या है ?